

The “STaRS” Program Continues to Expand and Thrive







The Delaware State Police STaRS program, “State Troopers actively Reaching Students” continues to thrive and expand!

The initiative kicked off this past January when Troop 3 in partnership with the Caesar Rodney School District initiated its pilot program at the Allen Frear Elementary School located in Camden.

The program continues to be a huge success and provides students with a great opportunity for Troopers to engage in positive conversations with students during their lunchtime. With the program continuing to succeed, STaRS has now expanded to the Lake Forest School District as well as our New Castle County Schools, including seven elementary schools to encompass both the Colonial and Christiana School Districts.

The students have been extremely receptive in speaking with the Troopers and it provides them the opportunity to forge lasting relationships with the Law Enforcement community.

“The STaRS program is a wonderful opportunity for our troopers to reach elementary aged students in nontraditional law enforcement means. The program is aimed to foster an inclusive environment that builds a better understanding of what law enforcement officers do, while also strengthening the trust of the police. We accomplish this by uniformed troopers

engaging in normal casual conversation and enjoying lunch with the kids." *Captain Joshua A. Bushweller, Troop 3 Commander, Delaware State Police*

Troopers visit two elementary schools in the participating school districts per week during the students' lunchtime. The goal is that the STaRS program continues to be a success in which partnerships merge with Law Enforcement and other school districts.

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